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Trend Setters

Wyoming	Mar'90	Apr'90
Labor Force	240,202	243,230
Employment	223,628	228,869
Unemployment	16,574	14,361
Rate (Raw)	6.9	5.9
Rate (S.A.)	5.9	5.7
Mining Hourly Wage	\$15.03	\$15.78
Avg. Weekly Hours, Mining	44.1	44.7

USA	Mar'90	Apr'90
Rate (S.A.)	5.2	5.4
Mining Hourly Wage	\$13.39	\$13.48
Avg. Weekly Hours, Mining	42.9	43.2

Consumer Price Index

All Urban (1982-1984 = 100)		
U.S. City Avg.	128.7	128.9
Year Change (U.S.)	+5.2	+4.7
S.A.-Seasonally Adjusted		

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Full & Part-Time UI Covered and Federal Jobs Worked, Total Payrolls, and Average Weekly Wage in Wyoming by County, Third Quarter, 1989

U.S. Unemployment at 5.4 Percent

National unemployment, after continuing in the 5.2 to 5.3 percent range since April of last year, rose to 5.4 percent in April. The number of unemployed also edged up to 6.8 million in March. Most of this increased joblessness occurred among 20 to 24 year olds. Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for adult men rose 0.3 to 4.8 percent, the same as adult women. Teenagers had the highest unemployment at 14.7 percent.

Wyoming
Unemployment down at 5.7 percent

The statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 5.9 percent in March to 5.7 percent in April, and compares to 5.8 percent a year ago. Unadjusted, April unemployment seasonally dropped a full percentage point from March to 5.9 percent, and compared favorably to 6.1 percent a year ago.

The number unemployed in April, at 14,361, dropped over 2,200 from March and was at about the year ago level.

State Worker Count Up
Four Percent Over the Year

Preliminary estimates indicate that the springtime seasonal unemployment decline was accompanied by a notable monthly worker gain in April. In addition, annual labor force growth was noted across most areas of the state. The state, as a whole, indicated

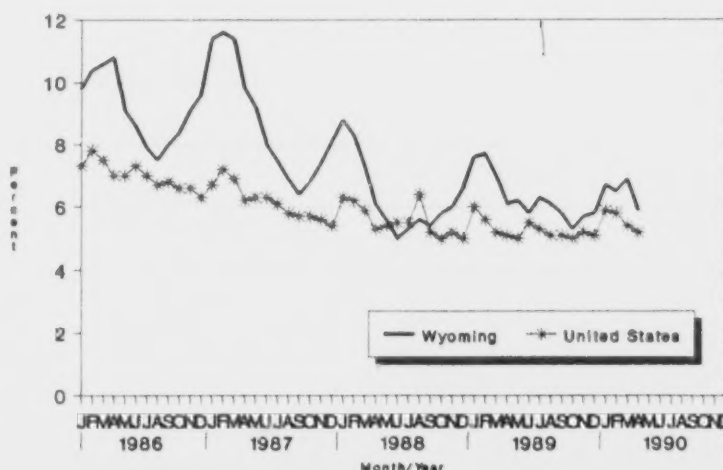
annual labor force growth at almost four percent.

The number of persons employed, labor force minus unemployment, was up an estimated 8,900 from last year. The statewide labor force estimate is based, in part, upon the results of a household survey conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census. Household survey based estimates indicated a much greater annual worker gain than the establishment survey.

Research and Planning's monthly survey of 2,700 Wyoming employers indicated that the number of non-agricultural wage and salary jobs was up by 1,100, or about one percent over the year. This compares to a four percent gain in the number of workers as determined by the household survey.

Yet another employment indicator, the Wyoming Unemployment Insurance covered employment report, indicated a similar upward trend in the worker count. In the Fourth Quarter 1989, preliminary covered employment was up 3.0 percent over the year. Covered employment represents approximately 85 percent of the employed labor force in the state. The remaining 15 percent that are excluded from unemployment compensation coverage are groups such as the

Unemployment Rate, Wyoming and the U.S.
Civilian Unadjusted
1986 - 1990



self employed, most agricultural workers, university students, domestic workers in private households, and non-profit organizations.

Establishment Survey Indicates Trade and Services Lead State Growth

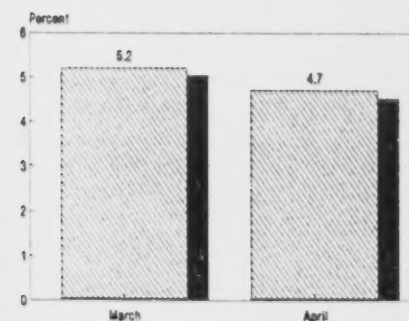
In the U.S. and Wyoming annual worker gains in April continued to be driven by trade and services, the leading industries of the "service-producing" industries. Nationally, manufacturing lost 262,000 jobs from a year ago in April after reaching a post-recession high in the first quarter of 1989. In Wyoming, the industry indicated a slight annual gain of over two percent in April.

Cheyenne and Jackson Areas Register Healthy Job Growth

The Cheyenne area, Laramie County continued to show the greatest over the year numeric labor force growth and was up almost 1,800 workers. Teton County had the greatest labor force growth rate, up 8.9 percent from a year ago, along with a low unemployment rate of only 3.8 percent. Teton County is the only county in Wyoming that has gained workers every year from 1967 through 1989, 22 consecutive years unaffected by bust, boom, or national recession.

Albany County, the Laramie area, whose labor force is heavily weighted with public sector employees, posted the lowest unemployment in the state at 3.6 percent.

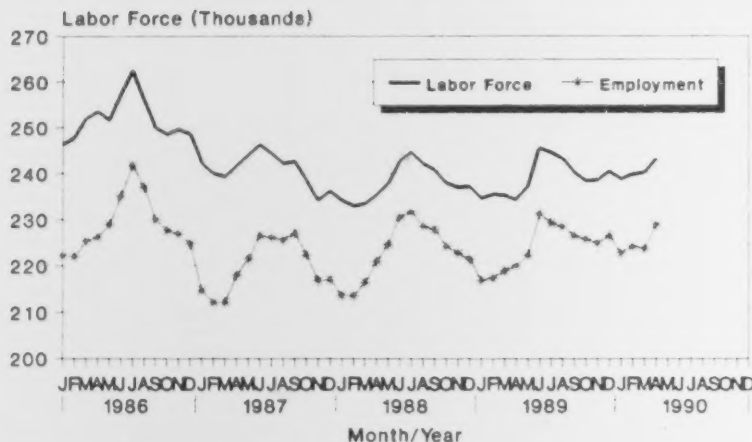
Consumer Price Index Annual Percent Change All Urban



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Wyoming Labor Force and Employment

1986 - 1990



Scale does not begin at zero.
Source: Local Area Unemployment
Statistics, BLS and Research & Analysis

Wyoming Employment and Payroll Increases During Third Quarter, 1989

by Nancy Boyle

Wyoming's Third Quarter, 1989 full and part-time federal and Unemployment Insurance covered employment increased annually 3,454 jobs or 1.8 percent. Likewise, total payrolls for the period, increased \$14,037,775 or 1.6 percent. Wyoming's average weekly wage for Third Quarter, 1989 was \$359. The Third Quarter, 1989 increase continues the trend of increased employment and total payrolls that began in 1987.

The Wyoming Third Quarter 1989 full and part-time covered and federal jobs report (ES-202) represents a compilation of the number of employers, employment, and total wages paid under the Wyoming Employment Security Law. The source of information for this report is the quarterly contribution report submitted by employers subject to Wyoming Employment Security Law. Data is classified at each single physical location and is engaged in predominantly one type of economic activity for which a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code is applicable. This unit may or may not have paid wages during the quarter. State and county data is estimated for firms that are delinquent in reporting.

Weston, Wyoming

Weston County's 1987 population of 7,500 ranked 18th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - In 1987, Weston had a per capita personal (PCPI) of \$12,340. This PCPI ranked 12th in the state, and was 97 percent of the state average (\$12,706) and 80 percent of the national average (\$15,484). In 1977, Weston's PCPI of \$7,728 ranked ninth in the state. The average annual growth rate of PCPI over the past 10 years was 4.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.0 percent and for the nation was 7.8 percent.

Consumer Price Index

(1982-1984 = 100)
All Urban

	Annual	Apr. 1990 % change
All Items	128.9	4.7
Food & Beverage	131.0	5.6
Housing	126.8	4.3
Entertainment	131.4	4.8
Apparel & Upkeep	126.7	4.8
Transportation	117.3	2.4
Medical	159.8	8.9

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

FULL & PART-TIME UI COVERED AND FEDERAL JOBS WORKED, TOTAL PAYROLLS, AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE IN WYOMING BY COUNTY

		AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT			TOTAL PAYROLLS			AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE		
		3RD QTR 1989	3RD QTR 1988	% CHANGE	3RD QTR 1989	3RD QTR 1988	% CHANGE	3RD QTR 1989	3RD QTR 1988	% CHANGE
TOTAL, INCLUDING FEDERAL WORKERS		191,573	188,119	1.8%	\$894,624,313	\$880,586,538	1.6%	\$359	\$360	-0.3%
ALBANY	001	11,673	11,392	2.5	\$49,801,622	\$48,550,702	2.6	\$328	\$328	0.1
BIG HORN	003	2,915	2,868	1.6	12,197,922	11,837,079	3.0	322	317	1.4
CAMPBELL	005	13,991	13,613	2.8	84,930,663	85,594,774	-0.8	467	484	-3.5
CARBON	007	6,792	6,696	1.4	29,240,213	28,869,341	1.3	331	332	-0.2
CONVERSE	009	3,759	4,136	-9.1	18,222,014	21,164,685	-13.9	373	394	-5.3
CROOK	011	1,588	1,840	-13.7	6,308,353	8,191,831	-23.0	306	342	-10.8
FREMONT	013	11,972	12,025	-0.4	46,669,318	48,051,030	-2.9	300	307	-2.4
GOSHEN	015	3,536	3,285	7.6	12,832,028	12,677,613	1.2	279	297	-5.9
HOT SPRINGS	017	1,886	1,952	-3.4	7,456,643	7,879,785	-5.4	304	311	-2.1
JOHNSON	019	2,385	2,316	3.0	8,473,709	8,438,082	0.4	273	280	-2.5
LARAMIE	021	30,473	30,198	0.9	143,973,027	141,081,041	2.0	363	359	1.1
LINCOLN	023	4,334	4,566	-5.1	21,062,965	21,990,512	-4.2	374	370	0.9
NATRONA	025	26,732	27,235	-1.8	128,818,869	133,802,391	-3.7	371	378	-1.9
NIOBRARA	027	734	737	-0.4	2,735,453	2,361,994	15.8	287	246	16.3
PARK	029	10,897	10,560	3.2	44,094,240	42,839,004	2.9	311	312	-0.2
PLATTE	031	2,694	2,776	-2.9	12,228,285	12,057,067	1.4	349	334	4.5
SHERIDAN	033	8,717	8,584	1.5	33,454,458	33,338,937	0.3	295	299	-1.2
SUBLETTE	035	1,893	1,720	10.1	8,805,851	7,510,321	17.2	358	336	6.5
SWEETWATER	037	17,650	17,169	2.8	109,454,674	104,686,167	4.6	477	469	1.7
TETON	039	12,016	11,545	4.1	41,908,457	39,149,189	7.0	268	261	2.8
UINTA	041	7,335	7,397	-0.8	34,141,744	35,213,400	-3.0	358	366	-2.2
WASHAKIE	043	3,097	3,200	-3.2	14,094,827	15,078,949	-6.5	350	363	-3.4
WESTON	045	2,117	2,310	-8.3	9,035,888	10,222,642	-11.6	328	340	-3.6
NONCLASSIFIABLE	999	2,385			14,683,090			474		

Source: ES-202 Report

Research and Planning - Department of Employment

WYOMING ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Table 1

INDUSTRY	APRIL 1990 ¹		MARCH 1990 ²		APRIL 1989 ³		Percent Change From	
							A Month Ago	A Year Ago
WYOMING EMPLOYMENT DATA								
Total Civilian Labor Force	243,230		240,202		234,278		1.3	3.8
Unemployment	14,361		16,574		14,283		-13.4	0.5
Employed Labor Force	228,869		223,628		219,995		2.3	4.0
a. Covered Employment (Under Wyo. UI Law)	177,100		173,080		173,360		2.3	2.2
b. Agriculture	12,283		11,224		13,916		9.4	-11.7
Total Unemployment Rate (Wyo.) Seasonally Adjusted*	5.9%	5.7%*	6.9%	5.9%*	6.1%	5.8%*	XXX	XXX
Total Unemployment Rate (U.S.) Seas. Adjusted*	5.2%	5.4%*	5.4%	5.2%*	5.1%	5.3%*	XXX	XXX
Insured Unemployment Rate (Wyo.)	2.2%		2.8%		2.6%		XXX	XXX
HOURS & EARNING								
Mining (Production Workers):								
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 705.37		\$ 662.82		\$ 671.06		6.4	5.1
Average Weekly Hours	44.7		44.1		45.9		1.4	-2.6
Average Hourly Earnings	\$ 15.78		\$ 15.03		\$ 14.62		5.0	7.9
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE								
Claims Filed in Local Office	19,889		22,720		20,428		-12.5	-2.6
a. Initial	2,234		2,514		2,355		-11.1	-5.1
Weeks Compensated	13,294		17,681		15,880		-24.8	-16.3
Total Amount Benefits Paid	\$ 2,056,563		\$ 2,762,837		\$ 2,491,024		-25.6	-17.4
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$ 154.30		\$ 155.83		\$ 156.21		-1.0	-1.2
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES								
Total Applications Received During Month	3,397		3,586		3,132		-5.3	8.5
Total Openings Received	3,408		3,703		3,443		-8.0	-1.0
Individual Placements	1,485		1,480		1,458		0.3	1.9
Placement Transactions	2,525		2,189		2,120		15.3	19.1
UNITED STATES DATA								
HOURS & EARNING								
Mining								
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 582.34		\$ 574.43		\$ 564.53		1.4	3.2
Average Weekly Hours	43.2		42.9		42.8		0.7	0.9
Average Hourly Earnings	\$ 13.48		\$ 13.39		\$ 13.19		0.7	2.2
PRICE INDEXES								
Consumer Price Index 1982-84=100	128.9		128.7		123.1		0.2	4.7
Producer Prices, All Commodities 1982-84=100	114.0		114.2		112.3		-0.2	1.5
Food and Beverage 1982-84=100	131.0		131.2		124.0		-0.2	5.6

1 Preliminary. 2 Revised. 3 Not benchmarked to current population survey. 4 Estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employed, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 5 Estimate based on historical trends.

WYOMING
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT
 (Prepared in cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

TABLE 2

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE					UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	APR 1990	MAR 1990	APR 1989	CHANGE MAR-APR	% CHANGE APR-APR	APR 1990	MAR 1990	APR 1989	APR 1990	MAR 1990	APR 1989
Statewide	243,230	240,202	234,278	1.3	3.8	14,361	16,574	14,283	5.9	6.9	6.1
Statewide - Seasonally Adjusted									5.7	5.9	5.8
Albany	17,094	16,936	15,855	0.9	7.8	612	702	579	3.6	4.1	3.7
Big Horn	5,605	5,269	5,366	6.4	4.5	378	467	367	6.7	8.9	6.8
Campbell	16,082	15,732	15,493	2.2	3.8	1,253	1,173	1,226	7.8	7.5	7.9
Carbon	8,083	7,992	7,645	1.1	5.7	566	625	486	7.0	7.8	6.4
Converse	4,996	5,003	5,321	-0.1	-6.1	346	438	376	6.9	8.8	7.1
Crook	2,568	2,547	2,767	0.8	-7.2	114	171	183	4.4	6.7	6.6
Fremont	17,309	16,735	16,516	3.4	4.8	1,281	1,521	1,204	7.4	9.1	7.3
Goshen	6,594	6,490	6,365	1.6	3.6	396	508	316	6.0	7.8	5.0
Hot Springs	3,049	2,936	2,867	3.8	6.3	126	104	128	4.1	3.5	4.5
Johnson	3,758	3,617	3,522	3.9	6.7	226	279	166	6.0	7.7	4.7
Laramie	38,107	38,367	36,352	-0.7	4.8	2,049	2,490	1,855	5.4	6.5	5.1
Lincoln	5,598	5,543	5,768	1.0	-2.9	420	552	541	7.5	10.0	9.4
Natrona	31,883	30,970	30,871	2.9	3.3	2,065	2,192	2,033	6.5	7.1	6.6
Niobrara	1,519	1,552	1,495	-2.1	1.6	76	127	51	5.0	8.2	3.4
Park	13,035	13,068	12,408	-0.3	5.1	684	833	628	5.2	6.4	5.1
Platte	4,458	4,260	4,661	4.6	-4.4	210	300	269	4.7	7.0	5.8
Sheridan	13,585	13,285	12,681	2.3	7.1	824	904	602	6.1	6.8	4.7
Sublette	2,939	2,956	2,728	-0.6	7.7	112	183	177	3.8	6.2	6.5
Sweetwater	19,398	19,355	18,962	0.2	2.3	1,053	1,327	1,355	5.4	6.9	7.1
Teton	10,263	10,184	9,422	0.8	8.9	394	279	385	3.8	2.7	4.1
Uinta	9,579	9,611	9,548	-0.3	0.3	700	823	854	7.3	8.6	8.9
Washakie	4,455	4,401	4,372	1.2	1.9	282	306	264	6.3	7.0	6.0
Weston	3,277	3,391	3,294	-3.4	-0.5	196	269	237	6.0	7.9	7.2
United States									5.2	5.4	5.1
United States - Seasonally Adjusted									5.4	5.2	5.3

The Department of Employment wishes to state that the data contained in this table are only estimates. The data for the current month is a preliminary estimate and will be revised next month, and revised again in about a year. The data contained in this table includes updated procedures mandated by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, the 1989 data has been benchmarked to the Current Population Survey as conducted in Wyoming.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING

(Prepared in Cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Table 3

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			% CHANGE IN TOTAL EMP.	
	APR 1990	MAR 1990	APR 1989	APR 1990	APR 1990
	Total	Total	Total	to MAR 1990	to APR 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	189.9	186.7	188.7	1.7 %	0.6 %
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	34.5	33.0	34.7	4.6	-0.6
Mining	16.6	16.2	16.7	2.5	-0.6
Coal Mining	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	7.4	7.2	7.6	2.8	-2.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.9	3.7	3.7	5.4	5.4
Construction	9.4	8.4	9.7	11.9	-3.1
General Building Contractors	1.5	1.3	1.5	15.4	0.0
Heavy Construction	3.9	3.5	4.1	11.4	-4.9
Special Trade Construction	4.0	3.6	4.1	11.1	-2.4
Manufacturing	8.5	8.4	8.3	1.2	2.4
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	2.6
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.5	4.5	2.2	2.2
Printing & Publishing	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
TOTAL SERVICE PRODUCING	155.4	153.7	154.0	1.1	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	14.2	14.0	14.2	1.4	0.0
Transportation	8.6	8.3	8.5	3.6	1.2
Railroad Transportation	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	-3.6
Trucking & Warehousing	4.3	4.2	4.3	2.4	0.0
Communications	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	3.5	3.5	3.6	0.0	-2.8
Trade	43.2	42.6	42.3	1.4	2.1
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.4	7.2	0.0	2.8
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	2.6
Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	2.9
Retail Trade	35.8	35.2	35.1	1.7	2.0
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.4	1.3	1.3	7.7	7.7
General Merchandise Stores	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.0	8.8
Food Stores	5.7	5.5	5.6	3.6	1.8
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	5.9	5.8	5.8	1.7	1.7
Apparel & Accessory Stores	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	11.1
Eating & Drinking Places	12.9	12.6	12.9	2.4	0.0
Miscellaneous Retail	3.9	4.0	3.9	-2.5	0.0

See footnotes at end of table

Table 3 (Cont.)

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			% CHANGE IN TOTAL EMP.	
	APR 1990	MAR 1990	APR 1989	APR 1990	APR 1990
	Total	Total	Total	to MAR 1990	to APR 1989
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	7.1	7.1	7.3	0.0	-2.7
Finance	4.0	4.0	4.2	0.0	-4.8
Insurance	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Services	34.9	34.2	34.3	2.1	1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	5.3	5.2	5.2	1.9	1.9
Personal Services	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Business Services	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	2.4	2.1	2.4	14.3	0.0
Amusements & Recreational Services including Motion Pictures	2.5	2.3	2.4	8.7	4.2
Health Services	7.6	7.6	7.4	0.0	2.7
Legal Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Social Services	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0
Government	56.0	55.8	55.9	0.4	0.2
Total Federal Government	7.2	7.1	7.1	1.4	1.4
Total State Government	13.3	13.3	13.4	0.0	-0.8
Total Local Government	35.5	35.4	35.4	0.3	0.3
CASPER (Natrona County)					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	27.8	27.4	27.4	1.5 %	1.5 %
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	5.4	5.2	5.2	3.9	3.9
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	6.7
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	4.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	10.5
Construction	1.6	1.4	1.6	14.3	0.0
TOTAL SERVICE PRODUCING	22.4	22.2	22.2	0.9	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	6.3
Transportation	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Communications & Public Utilities	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	16.7
Trade	7.8	7.8	7.7	0.0	1.3
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	1.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-6.7
Services	6.4	6.2	6.2	3.2	3.2
Personal & Business Services	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Health Services	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Government	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-1.9

1. Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employed, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2. Subject to revision. 3. Revised figures.

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